

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
MBHB Case No. 07-2123**

In re Application of:

Larsson

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**INTERVIEW REQUEST IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 16, 2009, appended is Applicant's request for an in person interview. Applicant believes that an interview may help to better clarify the invention, and conversely help clarify the Examiner's position on Applicant's last response and the prior art, so as to seriously advance prosecution.

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**The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ARGUMENTS TO BE PRESENTED**

As noted by the Examiner in the September 16, 2009 Office Action, Johnson does not disclose that the apparatus comprises a first pressure sensor for measuring the pressure in the auxiliary lumen. The Examiner cites to Williams to cure Johnson's acknowledged deficiency. Williams, however, is drawn to an intro-aortic balloon system with a pressure sensor to measure shuttle gas that causes the balloon to inflate and deflate in anti-phase with the contraction of a patient's heart. Notably, Williams does not teach an apparatus designed to remove fluid or tissue from the body. As such, Williams' disclosed device is drawn to a very different purpose in a very different environment than that recited in Applicant's claims for removing bodily fluids from a body cavity by suction. Therefore, there is no suggestion to look to Williams to supply the deficiencies of Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

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